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### DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

#### CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☒ was filed on July 2, 1999, as United States Application No. 09/347,311, bearing attorney docket no. B0192/7010, and was amended on November 15, 1999.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or section 365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign PCT International Application(s) and any priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and 365(a),(b):

|                             |                               |                             | Priority<br>Claimed  |
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| <u>GB 9814536.0</u>         | <u>Great Britain</u>          | <u>1998-07-03</u>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Number)                    | (Country-if PCT, so indicate) | (DD/MM/YY Filed)            | YES NO   |
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| (Number)                    | (Country-if PCT, so indicate) | (DD/MM/YY Filed)            | YES NO   |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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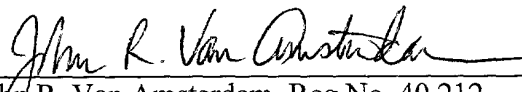
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**STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.821(f)**

This statement is made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821(f). Applicants enclose herewith a paper copy of the Sequence Listing and request to use a computer readable diskette from a prior application. Applicant's attorney states that the content of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable diskette contain the identical information and contain no new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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